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SUBJ: MEXICAN-CUBAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT

MOSCOW PASS TO AMB RIDGEWAY

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO (GOM) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA (GOC) SIGNED A FISHERIES AGREEMENT ON JULY 26 WHICH WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY, ACCORDING TO THE MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY, AS THE FIRST SUCH ACCORD BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE.
 2. ALL CUBAN BOATS MUST SEEK INDIVIDUAL PERMISSIONS TO FISH IN THE MEXICAN ECONOMIC ZONE; SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION WILL CONTINUE; AND MEXICAN TECHNICIANS WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE TRAINED ABOARD CUBAN SHIPS OPERATING IN THE ZONE.
 3. CUBAN SHRIMPING WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REDUCED BY 40 PERCENT AND WILL TERMINATE COMPLETELY BY DEC. 31, 1979. CUBAN SHRIMPING BOATS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN THE CAMPECHE SOUND AND WILL BE EXCLUDED TOTALLY FROM THE AREAS OF TAMPICO AND CONTOY.
 4. THE ACCORD ALSO FIXES LIMITS ON THE CAPTURE OF RED SNAPPER AND SEA BASS, AND BOTTOM FISH OF 10,000 TONS
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AND 15,000 TONS RESPECTIVELY FOR THE COMING YEAR. THE

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE NO MENTION OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES.

5. THE OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE MENTIONS THAT A SIMILAR AGREEMENT IS BEING REACHED WITH THE UNITED STATES IN WHICH "THE PRINCIPLE PROBLEMS OF A SUBSTANTATIVE NATURE HAVE BEEN RESOLVED TO MUTUAL SATISFACTION AND THUS THERE REMAINS, FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, ONLY AN EXAMINATION OF TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS CONCERNING WHICH NO INSURMOUNTABLE DIFFICULTY IS FORESEEN."

6. TEXT OF MEXICAN-CUBAN ACCORD WILL BE POUCHED ASAP.
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